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South Dakota
School-Age Care Alliance
SoDakSACA

MISSION: TO PROMOTE QUALITY OUT-OF-SCHOOL-TIME PROGRAMS FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC ADVOCACY

May 4, 2011

Announcing:

**SoDakSACA
12 Years and Counting
Creating an OST Paradise
In 2011!**

TO: Potential Workshop Presenters

FROM: Ryan Zens, Conference Committee Chair
2011 SoDakSACA Conference Chair

RE: 2011 SoDakSACA Conference - Request for Proposals

The South Dakota School-Age Care Alliance (SoDakSACA) is an organization of people interested in providing and promoting quality out-of-school programs in South Dakota. With more and more parents working, the need for safe and enriching programs before and after school, during school holidays, and in summer is becoming greater each year. With that comes a need for high quality, appropriate training for those involved in providing these programs.

The 2011 SoDakSACA Conference will take place October 7-8 at The Mitchell Highland Conference Center. It is the intent of the board of directors of this organization to provide a wide spectrum of conference sessions addressing the needs of those staff in administrative positions, as well as care provider roles of both elementary and middle school programs. This year's goal of the conference is to provide as many sessions and opportunities for line staff and directors to create a paradise for children at their own sites. This year we are looking for some of the following session topics but are not limited to: Recruitment, Training & Supervision, Site Management Policies & Procedures, Youth Development, Inclusion of Youth with Special Needs, Youth & Parent Engagement, Arts & Literacy, STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering & Math , Marketing and/or Grant Writing, Lesson Planning Strategies, Summer Planning Strategies, Nutrition in After School Programs ...and many more topics that are timely and relevant to afterschool providers and staff.

SoDakSACA invites you to submit a proposal for our upcoming annual conference on the attached form. All sessions should be 1.25 hours in length. **Proposals must be postmarked by June 15, 2010 to be considered for presentation.** Evaluation of proposals will be based on current best practice standards such as those supported by the National After School Association (NAA). Presenters will be notified by July 20th concerning the acceptance of their proposal. If you have any questions regarding this conference or the request for proposal form, contact Ryan Zens at (605)430-2671 or at ryanzens@rap.midco.net.

We look forward to receiving a proposal from you!

Request for Proposals



2011 SoDakSACA Conference
October 7-8, 2011
The Mitchell Highland Conference Center
Mitchell, South Dakota

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Agency and Title: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone number(s): _____

Presenter Background - Include a BRIEF biography and professional resume related to school-age care. (Describe your specific local, regional and/or national experience as a speaker or presenter.)

Workshop Title (*seven words or less*) _____

Short Description for Conference Brochure - *25 words or less*

Please indicate which of the following SD Pathways to Professional Development training area best describes the primary focus of your presentation:

- Child Growth and Development (brain development, social & emotional, etc.)
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Guidance of Children
- Observing Children (documentation, screening and assessment etc.)
- Identifying & Preventing Communicable Diseases
- Program Safety (health, transportation & safety)
- Program Management & Regulation (administration, accreditation, community partnerships, etc.)
- Interpersonal Communication & Relationships
- Cultural Diversity
- Learning Environments
- Age-Appropriate Planning (curriculum, literacy, creativity, mathematics, etc.)
- Professionalism (advocacy, ethics, networking, leadership, stress management, etc.)
- Partnerships with Parents (family support, parent involvement, fatherhood)
- Inclusion of all children (children with special needs)

Participant Outcomes -What can attendees expect to learn during this session?

Long Presentation Description – *Please attach one page or less.* Describe the content and format of your presentation; being sure to identify how your presentation will assist participants to develop, support, or promote quality in after-school care. Include in your description whether your presentation is more appropriate for beginning or intermediate/veteran programs or staff.

Target Audience – *Please identify which audience your presentation would be most appropriate for*

- Program Directors Site Staff
(elementary) Site Staff
(middle school) General

***If the number of participants needs to be limited, please indicate the maximum number of participants per session.**

Are you willing to repeat your presentation? Yes No

Special Room Set-up Requirements - If specific set up is required, please specify.

- Theatre Style Tables & Chairs Chairs around perimeter of room

**Free registration will be available to one presenter per breakout session.
Meal costs are not included with the free registration. You will be asked to complete a
Presenter Registration Form if your proposal is accepted. You may choose to pay for or decline meals at that time.**

***AV equipment is the sole responsibility of the presenter.**

*Presenters must provide their own handouts. Notification of the approximate number of conference participants will be shared by September 20, 2011.

Proposals are due June 15th, 2011. Please send an electronic copy to ryanzens@rap.midco.net, you will receive a confirmation that your proposal has been received. SoDakSACA is not responsible for electronic copies that do not arrive, so be sure you get a confirmation from the conference chair. If emailing is not possible, please send two copies of the proposal and your presentation information to:

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